(b) No qalified lady veterinary doctor has so far applied for Commission in the Remount & Veterinary Corps.

Special Emphasis on the Health of mothers and Children in Eighth Five Year Plan

4303. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a separate health sector planning in the Eighth Five Year Plan and there is special emphasis on health of women and children;

(b) whether it is a fact that success of population programme very much depend on the general health and status of women and children;

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to ensure that population programme is not at the cost of general health care and preventive medicare services; and

(d) whether Government propose to entrust the responsibility of actual planning implementation, monitoring and target setting of the population programme on local Mahila Mandals as 85% of sterilisations on women?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir. In the 8th Plan as usual Health & Family Welfare Sectoral Planning will be an integral part of the overall developmental planning. It is proposed to continue the emphasis on delivery of comprehensive promotive-Preventive and Curative Health Care Services of the mothers and children under the Family Welfare Programme for which a Steering Committee has been appointed by the Planning Commission.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Family Welfare Programme as being implemented at present is not merely a population control programme where in family planning services are offered as an integral part of a package of health services, with particular emphasis on maternal child health and nutrition. The maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services are envisaged to be further strengthened and expanded in the 8th Plan. The Child Survival Programmes and activities like Universal Immunisation Programmes (UIP), Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) and other prophylaxis programmes are proposed to be strengthened and attention would be paid to diseases affecting infants and children like diarrhoea and Respiratory infections etc. For enhancing safe motherhood, training of Dais, Immunisation to pregnant mothers, Ante Natal, Natal and Post Natal Care Services and the measures to prevent nutritional deficiencies, are proposed to be emphasised during the 8th Plan.

(d) During the 8th Plan, more active involvement of the Mahila Mandals in Family Welfare Programme is anticipated.

Statutory status to the Lok Adalats

4304. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have examined the proposal for proving statutory status to the Lok Adalats; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?